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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed in connection with the Office Action mailed September 25, 2001 in the above-referenced application. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. Also enclosed is a Request for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time.

IN THE CLAIMS

{ Please amend claims 29 and 30 as follows: }

29. (Amended) The purified nucleotide of claim 28 wherein said polynucleotide is produced by recombinant techniques.

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